

Friday 20th May 2022









A Message from Mrs Kee

Our assembly on Monday was led by Mrs Magill and was focused on 'ohana'. The words is from the Hawaiian culture and means 'Family - Family means no one gets left behind or forgotten'. The children talked about how all families are unique and special. In Hawaii, the word 'ohana' has an even deeper meaning. Ohana means intentional family. Having an intentional family means that we choose who is in our family. It could be people who are related, or it could be those whom we intentionally choose. At Violet Way, we intentionally choose to be a family and our school value 'We leave no one behind' is very much linked to this. We want children to make sure that, in our school family, no one gets left behind or forgotten and that everyone in our school family feels part of the family and is loved and cared for.

This week I have been so impressed with the number of children coming to show me good work. I have seen beautiful writing, listened to children read and heard about how children worked well together in Forest School. I have also seen some lovely work children have produced at home. In Merit assembly this week we celebrated children who have been demonstrating our school values, through their kindness, bravery and determination to succeed.

We had a fire drill this week and I am delighted to report that all the children exited the building quietly and safely in less that 2.5 minutes and lined up sensibly on the yard. Well done! Wishing you a lovely weekend, $\mathcal{M}rs$ Kee

Attendance

Whole School (this week)	93.36%
Reception	89.38%
Year 1	95.70%
Year 2	95.00%

Congratulations to **Dragonflies**

for being the class with V
the highest attendance
this week! Well done
for your fantastic attendance
this week.

Make sure your child attends school every day so that they get the most from their education.

Home Awards





individuality

This week we have seen a model of a bridge, two martial arts Red Belt awards and a

Boot Camp badge for running!

Merit Award Winners







Our super sitters in Merit Assembly this week!





Year 1 Victorian Day

Who: Year 1

What: Victorian Day

When: Wednesday 15th June

As part of their Victorian Topic Year 1 will be taking part in a Victorian experience day on Wednesday 15th June where they will be immersing themselves in a Victorian classroom and taking part in a range of activities. Please can children In Year 1 come wearing Victorian style costumes on this day. There is no need to purchase a costume. Examples of costumes are shown here. If you need any help, please speak to your class teacher as we have some spare costumes available in school or can give you further ideas.





PTA

Please can any parents that are able to support and help the PTA, get in touch with the Chair, Jenny, through the PTA Facebook Page.

Many hands make light work! Thank you for your support.

If you haven't already visited the PTA Facebook page, please click on the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/violetwaypta/?ref=share



Walk to school week

It was 'Walk to School' week this week and we challenged the children to walk, scoot or bike to school. The two classes with the most children walking or scooting to school was Ladybirds and Owls with 64% and 65% respectively.

In the Merit Assembly this week we talked about the benefits to our health of walking to school and the children came up with a great idea for children who do live further away and might need to use a car. They suggested they could try parking a bit further away from the school so they can walk the rest of the way – great idea!



Toddler Group











Thank you very much to Jo Smith for organizing and running the Toddler group at Violet Way 9:00am-10:30am every Tuesday. The children are delightful and are really enjoying the toys and activities on offer, including snack time! The sessions cost just £2.00 per family. Please go to the side entrance by the steps (adjacent to the sports court). The catering team supply a plate of fruit and juice for the children and there are hot drinks and toast available for purchase.

Fierte Festival NEXT WEEK!

Queen's Jubilee

As part of the Fierte Festival, linked to the Queen's Jubilee, a range of activities and learning sessions have been planned, which all schools within the Trust are participating in. The 60's dress up day is to launch our Fierte Festival week and each school has a different decade from the Queen's reign for dressing up. The shillaren have been learning songs and dances from this decade. Photographs from pross the decades to support a chronology of the Queen's reign will be shared with the children. The last day of the Festival Week will include a live stream of all schools sharing the weeks learning, including pictures of children in outfits them across difference decades of the Queen's reign to show children how fashiol has changed over time.

When planning your child's outins, the 60's fashion included: black and white, geometric patterns, flowers at kind's colours, some of which you may already have at home.

As part of the week, we will be creating a Jubilee garden with red, white and blue flowers such as **Petunias**, **Busy lizzies**,

Rhododendron flowers etc. Any donations of flowerswould be very much appreciated. Please put these in the wheelbarrow that will be outside the Y2 mobile classrooms. The children are also



asked to bring in pebbles to decorate as part of our school Jubilee garden. Please send into class.







Reminder that parents are invited into a session in school on the Thursday morning to make a crown with your child. The times for this are:

Reception - 9am

Year 1 - 10am

Year 2 - 11am

We will also be having a **Jubilee Menu on Monday 23**rd to launch the Jubilee week and a **party lunch on the Friday**. Children are to come into school dressed in red, white and blue for the street party on the Friday. Both menus are on the following pages:





JUBILEE CELEBRATION MENU

Monday 23rd May



The Queen's Corgis

Grilled pork sausages in a roll, served with potato busbies and ketchup (allergens G,SD,S)

or

Coronation Curry

Quorn Korma, served with rice and naan

(allergens G,D,E,M)

All served with peas and sweetcorn

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Elizabeth's Crown Cake

Vanilla Sponge cake topped with butter cream swirl and a fresh strawberry

(allergens <u>G,E</u>)

Windsor Fruit Punch



Allergens (G= Gluten, E= Egg, M= Mustard, S=Sesame, SD Sulphur Dioxide)



Jubilee Celebration Menu

JUBILEE CELEBRATION MENU

Friday 27th May



The Queen's Fancy Fingers

A selection of cucumber, ham, cheese(D) and jam sandwiches (G) &

Windsor Roll

Pork sausage roll (G,D,SD,S) &

Little Soldiers

Packet of cheese wotsits (C,G,D,M,S)

&

Crown Jewels

Mini pack of raisins &

Queen of Hearts

Jammie Dodger (G,SD) &

Britannia Bar

Sweet treat choc ice (S,D) &

Queen's Tipple

Apple juice carton

All served in a jubilee bag



Allergens (G= Gluten, E= Egg, M= Mustard, S=Sesame, SD Sulphur Dioxide, SA Soya, C= Celery)



Forest School Dates Summer 1

Badgers – Monday 25th April, 9th May, 23rd May
Owls – Tuesday 26th April, 10th May, 24th May
Ladybirds – Wednesday 27th April, 11th May, 25th May
Squirrels – Thursday 28th April, 12th May, 26th May
Busy Bees – Friday 29th April, 13th May, 20th May
(last session on 20th May due to Jubilee street party on 27th)



Parent Library Mornings Summer 1

Week beginning: 16th May

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	Parent Session at start of day
Monday	Foxes
Wednesday	Kestrels
Thursday	Dragonflies

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Sports Days

Our sports days will be held at Paulet High School. They will be held on the field. Parents can go in via the entrance on Stanton road.

Wednesday 13th July 9:15am-10:30am - YEAR 2 Wednesday 13th July 10:45am-12:00pm - YEAR 1 Thursday 14th July 9:15am-10:30am - RECEPTION





FYI - Dates for Academic Year 2022-2023

To help prepare parents fully for the next academic year, we are publishing the term dates and Inset days for your information below.

Autumn Term 2022

Inset day: Monday 5 September Term starts: Tuesday 6 September Inset day: Friday 21st October

Holiday: Monday 24 October – Friday 28 October

Term ends: Friday 16 December

Holiday: Monday 19 December - Monday 2 January

Spring Term 2023

Inset day: Tuesday 3 January

Term Starts: Wednesday 4th January

Holiday: Monday 20 February – Friday 24 February

Term ends: Friday 31 March

Holiday: Monday 3 April – Friday 14 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 9 April

Summer Term 2023

Inset Day: Monday 17 April
Term starts: Tuesday 18 April
May Day: Monday 1 May

Holiday: Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June

Inset: Monday 19th June
Term ends: Tuesday 25 July

Holiday: Wednesday 26 July - Friday 1 September

Violet Way and Edge Hill Inset days 2022-2023

5th September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

3rd January 2022 17th April 2023

Monday 19th June 2023

We would like to remind all parents that holidays are <u>not</u> authorised during term time and should be booked during the school holidays.

We can not authorise any holidays and parents may face fines from the Local Authority if they take their child on holiday during term time.



Dates for your diary

Staffordshire Term Dates 2021-22

Autumn Term 2021

Inset day: Wednesday 1 September **Term Starts:** Thursday 2 September

Half Term: Monday 25 October – Friday 29 October

Term ends: Friday 17 December

Holiday: Monday 20 December - Monday 3 January

Spring Term 2022

Inset day: Tuesday 4 January **Term Starts:** Wednesday 5 January

Half Term: Monday 21 February - Friday 25

February

Term ends: Thursday 7 April **Inset day:** Friday 8 April

Holiday: Monday 11 April – Friday 22 April

Easter Sunday: Sunday 17 April

Summer Term 2022

Term starts: Monday 25 April **May Day:** Monday 2 May

Half Term: Monday 30 May - Friday 3 June

Term ends: Wednesday 20 July

Holiday: Thursday 21 July – Friday 2 September

Violet Way Inset Days

Wednesday 1st September Friday 22nd October Tuesday 4th January Friday 8th April Monday 6th June (School closed for

Queen's Jubilee) Monday 20th June









What's Coming Up?

Fierte Festival (Queen's Jubilee) launch Monday 23rd May – dress up in '60s decade clothes

Queen's Jubilee Parent Sessions – Thursday 26th May – Reception: 9am Year 1: 10am Year 2: 11am

Queen's Jubilee Dress up – Friday 27th May – Dress in Red, white and blue

May Half term holiday – w/c Monday 30th May

School closed for Queen's Jubilee - Monday 6th June

Summer 2 Starts - Tuesday 7th June

YR Conkers Trip – Tuesday 7th June

Year 1 Victorian day – Wednesday 15th June

Y2 Kingswood parent meetings: - Thursday 16th June 9:00am and 5:00pm

INSET Day - Monday 20th June

Histronics Meet and Greet — 1st July

Y2 KINGSWOOD - Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th July

Y2 BREWHOUSE performances @ 1:30pm and 6:30pm — Tuesday 19th July

Sports Days -

Year Reception — Thursday14th July at 9:15am Year 1 — Wednesday 13th July at 10:45am Year 2 — Wednesday 13th July at 9:15am

Reports to Parents – Friday 15th July

Last day of Term - Wednesday 20th July

